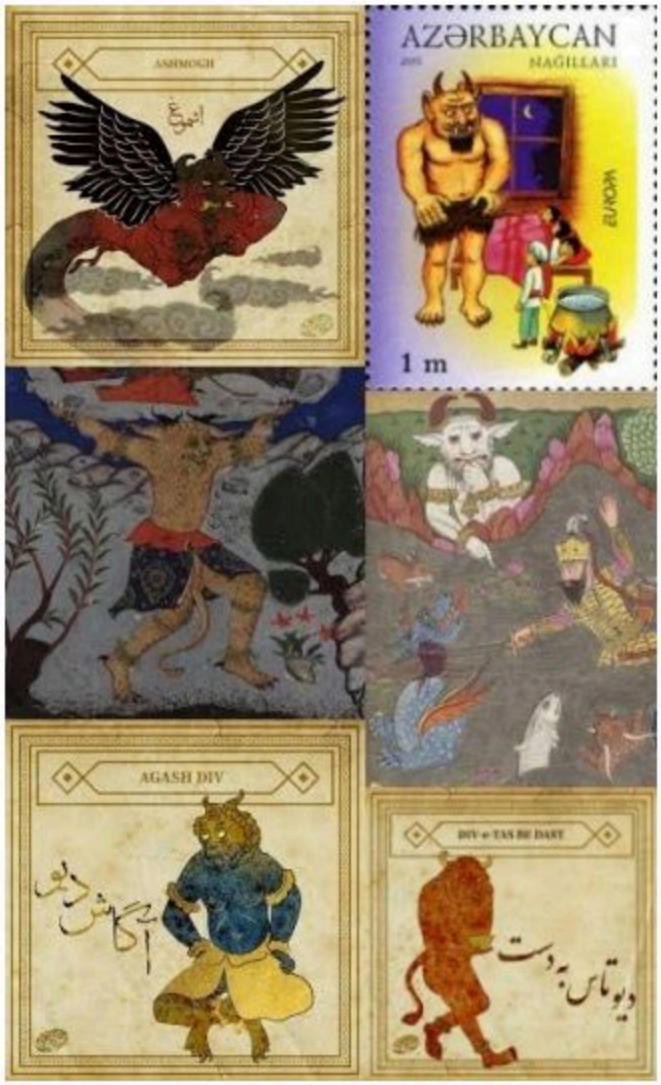
fa-ʾennahau laa taʿmau l-ʾabṣauro wa-laaken taʿmau l-qoloubo llatee fee ṣ-ṣodour
"Indeed it is not the eyes that turn blind, but the hearts turn blind —those that are in the breasts!" 22:46

Who are what are Divs/Diws?
They are said to be unintelligent, **evil**, monstrous, **beastly** creatures in Persian folklore. But are they real? And if so, where are they? And is there a connection between them and human beings?



Div = Devil

The truth is that these evil creatures are real and were said to have disappeared during the time of Nouh (Noah). Though I'm here to tell you that they are still around. You may have met one already. How you may ask? Well...

WE ARE THE DIVS

The Kulliyati Chahar Kitab reads as follows to explain the effect of divs (demons) on the human soul:[27]

> "The desire to give up nafs is weak, the worship of God will weaken nafs.... Anyone who gives up hedonism, he will overcome the oppressive nafs.... If one behaved according to his carnal desire, how could one make jihad [struggle] with nafs. ... The killing of nafs may not be possible except by means of the use of the dagger of silence, the sword of hunger, or the spear of solitude and humility.... If you want to kill the div [demon] of nafs, you must stay away from the haram [forbidden].... If you are a slave of your sexual desire, even if you think you are free, you are a prisoner.

"The div of the nafs"

Nafs = Biological body

Do you not believe me? Do you have doubts?

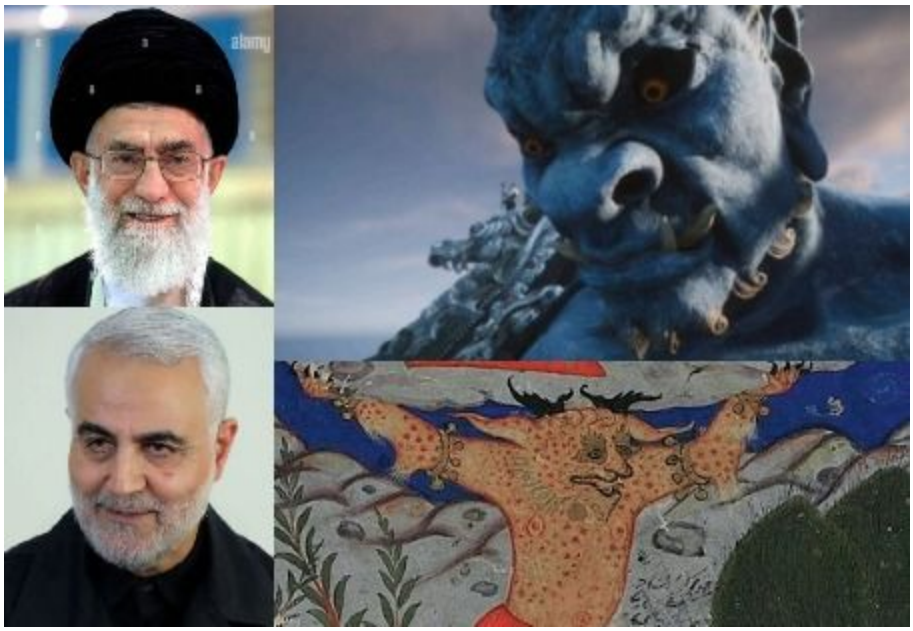
Pure faces:

Can you not see the innocence and purity of their faces?

Wicked faces:

Can you not see how **beastly** their faces are? Can you not see the **robustness** of their faces? Do you feel safe around these? Or do you feel safe and trust the first ones?

Examine Carefully



Do you really trust these people? Is your heart at ease with them? These are evil people whom their dev/divs have taken control over them and partake with them in their actions

If you still have doubts, then don't take my word for it. YOU have a nafs. Examine yourself. If you over eat, then take a look at your face. Then fast for a few days while consuming a minimal amount. You WILL see a difference in your face

What the Div needs to survive:

1. Excess food

2. The ability to carry out inordinate speech

I've mentioned the food but what does this have to with speaking? There's something called "Somot" which means silence. Not silence as in refusing to speak, but being UNABLE to speak and say foolish things.

The one who frequently remembers death and the graves and knows that it is his future home, guards himself from carrying out inordinate speech and actions.

"But as for him who is **awed** to stand before his Lord and **forbids the nafs** from [following] desire, his refuge will indeed be the garden." 79:40-41

Fear of punishment, remembrance of death, judgement, all aspects of the next life restrict the nafs. So his stomach becomes constricted and he loses his appetite. He does not feel like eating nor does he feel like speaking.

The messenger of Allauh came upon a people who were laughing and joking, to which he said, "Be frequent in the remembrance of death".

"If you see your brother in a state of somot (silence), then keep to him, for indeed he speaks words of wisdom" - Quote from the Rasool Mohammad

The hadeeth tell us that words of the wise man is revelation. The Gor'aun says:

"Nor does he speak out of [his own] desire: it is just a revelation that is revealed [to him]," 53:3-4

We are informed through the hadeeth that in the state of somot (silence), the shaytaun is most **distant** and flees

And yes somot kills or greatly weakens the div.

There is also a shorter narration attributed to the Prophet ﷺ:

> وَجَدْتُ الحَسَنَةَ نُورًا فِي القَلْبِ، وَزَيْنًا فِي الوَجْهِ، وَقُوَّةً فِي العَمَلِ، وَوَجَدْتُ الخَطِيئَةَ سَوَادًا فِي القَلْبِ، وَوَهْنًا فِي العَمَلِ، وَشَيْنًا فِي الوَجْهِ

Meaning:

> "I found the good deed to be a light in the heart, an adornment on the face, and strength in action; and I found sin to be darkness in the heart, weakness in action, and blemish on the face."

"An adornment on the face"

Good deeds by following the heart and reason brings about piety and helps in somot, and so the weaker the div becomes. Sin does the opposite and so strengthens the div.

The div partakes in the actions of evil people. So are they not associates? Can they really be trusted? So how can they be Mo'men?

Mo'men = Whom the people can trust

Moshrek = Related to association

wa-laa tankeḥoo l-moshrekaate ḥattaa yoʾmenna... wa-laa tonkeḥoo l-moshrekeena ḥattaa yoʾmenoo

"Do not marry Moshrekaat until they embrace faith (Have Eemaun)... And do not marry Moshrekeen until they embrace faith. (Have Eemaun)" 2:221

Innocent people may feel intimitaded by these divs and even shake a lot (nervous convulsion) when they are coming to harm them or face confrontation.

When the wicked people and their divs went to war against the innocent and surrounded them:

honaaleka btoleya l-moʾmenoona wa-zolzeloo zilzaalan shadeedan

"it was there that the faithful were tested and jolted with a severe convulsion." 33:11

So will these evil people be let off? NEVER. Just as they made the innocent shake, so too will Allauh make them shake.

"O mankind! Be wary of your Lord! **Indeed the quake of the Hour is a terrible thing**. The day that you will see it, every suckling female will neglect what she suckled, and every pregnant female will deliver her burden, and ***you* will see the people drunk, yet they will not be drunken**, but Allah's punishment is severe." 22:1-2

Their convulsion will be so severe that their bodies will be moving all over the place like drunk people. Not that they're drunk, but because of how **terrified** they'll be.

Will it just be convulsion? No. Never. They will have the Malau'ekah of punishment with faces **EVEN MORE** wretched than theirs. With stronger and taller bodies, rude, severe, and without ANY mercy. Carrying weapons that can easily demolish mountains.

"They will call out, 'O Maulek! Let your Lord finish us off!' He will say, 'Indeed you will stay on.'" 43:77

The wording commonly cited is:

> فقال لي جبريل: هذا مالك خازن النار، فسلِّم عليه، فسلَّمت عليه، فردَّ عليَّ السلام، ولم يضحك إليَّ، فقلت: يا جبريل، ما لي لم أرَ مالكًا ضاحكًا؟ فقال: ما ضحك مالك منذ خُلقت النار.

Meaning:

> "Jibrīl said to me: 'This is Mālik, the keeper of the Fire, so greet him.' I greeted him and he returned the greeting, but he did not smile at me. I said: 'O Jibrīl, why have I not seen Mālik smile?' He said: 'Mālik has never smiled since Hell was created.'"

There is also a narration where the Prophet ﷺ reportedly said words interpreted as:

> ما أقبح وجهه
> (*How stern/fearsome his face is*)

or descriptions emphasizing Mālik's terrifying appearance.

Mau Agbah Wajhek

"How stern is your face!"

Some villains in animated series are actually based of the keepers of Jahannaum